

# IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 19th June 2016

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## **IRTS - New Membership Offer**

The IRTS is recognised by the International Amateur Radio Union as the Society that acts on behalf of all EI amateur radio operators, not just members of the Society itself. It is through the IARU that we continue to protect the allocations we already use whilst also pushing for new concessions.

The cost of doing this is covered by subscriptions paid to the society by its membership, the benefits are enjoyed by all amateurs.

To encourage EI licence holders that are currently not members to join the society, IRTS are offering the first year of membership free of charge. This offer is open to all holders of EI licences issued after 1st January 2016, and the initiative will run until 31st March 2017. The licence must be in a personal capacity i.e. not club or special call.

Membership will give new licence holders experience of the benefits of the Society, including use of the QSL Buro.

To apply for membership it is only necessary to download and complete a membership application form available on the IRTS website, entering the note "New Licence" under your signature.

For existing members of the IRTS who obtain their full licence between the above dates the Society will give one year free membership on expiry of their current subscription.

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## **VHF/UHF Contest**

The IRTS VHF/UHF Field Day takes place over the weekend of 2nd/3rd July. The contest is on 5 bands 50, 70, 144, 432 and 1296 MHz.

The Open Section covers all 5 bands, and there is a Restricted Section for those operating on just one of these bands.

The contest, which runs for 24 hours from 14:00 UTC on Saturday, coincides with similar contests in the UK and continental Europe, so it provides a great opportunity to work some DX on the higher bands.

Note that this is a field day contest with site and power supply requirements for anyone entering. See [www.irts.ie/contests](http://www.irts.ie/contests) for full details.

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### **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The June meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday night 27th June at 8pm. This meeting will be preceded by a Committee meeting at 7pm sharp. All Committee members are asked to attend and be there for 7pm please.

For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can check our website [www.searg.ie](http://www.searg.ie) and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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### **DX News**

Harald DF2WO will be active again from the Cape Verde Islands. As before he will use the callsign D44TWO and is expected to be there until the end of June. His QSL manager is M0OXO.

Three Russian operators will be QRV as RC1M/P, RV1CC/P and UA1QV/P from Kashin Island from 23rd to 27th June. This island counts as EU-102 for the Islands on the Air Award. Activity will be on 40m to 15m and QSLs go via the home call.

Al F6ACH is making a trip to Greenland and will be active as OX/F6ACH from Uummannaq Island (IOTA EU-134) during the period 21st to 27th June. This will be a spare time operation and he will be on 20m to 10m SSB. QSL to his home call.

Another Greenland callsign to look for in the coming week is OX/NA8O which is operated by Nao JK1FNL until 24th June. He is on 40m to 10m using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSLs go via JK1FNL.

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### **Radio News Service**

This is a reminder to Club secretaries to submit news to newsteam /at/ irts.ie, on a regular basis for inclusion in the weekly radio news bulletins. Please make a special effort to submit items of interest.

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## **IRTS QSL Service**

One of the many benefits of IRTS membership is access to the QSL Buro. This is to facilitate the exchange of QSL cards between IRTS members (including SWLs) and radio amateurs around the world. For more information on the QSL service as provided by IRTS please refer to [www.irts.ie/qsinfo](http://www.irts.ie/qsinfo)

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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